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1. OFFICIAL RCP DAILY SCINTEIA JUNE 24 PROMINENTLY PUBLISHED
LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT TITO'S REPORT TO 11TH
PARTY CONGRESS (BELGRADE 4737), FOLLOWED NEXT DAY BY SUMMARIES
OF TWO FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN
RELATIONS. OTHER ARTICLES HAVE GIVEN FULL AND APPARENTLY
FACTUAL COVERAGE TO CONGRESS AND ITS ASSOCIATED EVENTS,
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ACTIVITIES OF ROMANIAN DELEGA-
TION. TONE OF ALL ITEMS WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY BUT NOT
EFFUSIVE, WITH MEDIA EXPOSURE SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN THAT
ACCORDED TO 10TH CONGRESS IN 1974.

2. RCP MESSAGE TO CONGRESS STRESSES FAMILIAR ROMANIAN
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PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PRAISES TITO,
CALLS FOR EVEN GREATER ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION,
NOTES NEED FOR INCREASED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
BALKAN COOPERATION, URGES FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF HELINKI
FINAL ACT, AND POINTS OUT IMPORTANCE OF UP-COMING NON-
ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BELGRADE (WHICH RO-
MANIA HOPES TO ATTEND).

3. ROMANIAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY SENIOR PARTY SECRETARY (CADRES) AND STATE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT EMIL BOBU, GENERALLY REGARDED AS KEY MEMBER OF CEAUSESCU'S INNER CIRCLE. OTHER MEMBERS WERE MIHAI TELESU, FIRST SECRETARY OF TIMIS JUDET (COUNTY) IN WESTERN ROMANIA WHICH BORDERS VOIVODINA REGION, AND NICOLAE MIHAI, NEWLY APPOINTED ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA. BOBU ALSO HAD PRIVATE MEETING WITH DOLANC AND VISITED A METALLURGICAL COMBINE AND OTHER SITES IN SARAJEVO.

4. COMMENT: FORMER PARTY SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION (AND NOW ONE OF TWO FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS) ILIE VERDET HEADED ROMANIAN DELEGATION IN 1974, SO CHOICE OF BOBU THIS TIME REPRESENTS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN LEVEL. WHILE WE SEE NO STRIKING DEPARTURES IN ROMANIAN TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAV PARTY CONGRESS, EVENT DID PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR REAFFIRMATION OF CLOSE AND CORDIAL ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS IN ALL SPHERES.

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